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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United States District Court
for the District of Maryland
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Erie Insurance Exchange, et al. v. Sony Electronics, Inc.
Civil Action No. CCB-03CV143

Dear Judge Blake:

Please accept this correspondence as the Status Report requested in your most recent order. I thank you for your indulgence with regard to late receipt of this Report.

A. Whether discovery has been completed:

Discovery has not been completed. Defendant is today filing a Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment based, in part, on the failure of Plaintiff to comply with discovery.

B. Whether any motions are pending:

Defendant is today filing a Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment

C. Whether any party intends to file dispositive motions:

Defendant is today filing a Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment.

D. Whether this case is to be tried by a jury and estimated length of trial:

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This case is to be tried by a jury. The estimated length of trial is currently two (2) days.

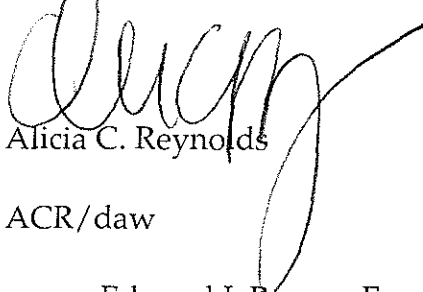
E. A certification that the parties have met to conduct serious settlement negotiations:

The parties have met on numerous occasions to conduct serious settlement negotiations.

F. Any other matter that any party believes should be brought to the Court's attention:

None other than those raised in Defendant's motion and the parties most recent Status Report.

Very truly yours,



Alicia C. Reynolds

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